

BIG BOOM AT ALCOA . . . Crane, with boom half as tall as the length of a football field, lowers huge tank onto truck as partial dismantling of Alcoa Plant at 190th street near Western avenue gets underway to make way for Columbia Steel's new sheet-steel mill. Immense size of tank can be noted by comparing it with tank in background still in place.—Herald Photo.

Alcoa Plant Soon Will be Eaten Away by Wrecker's Gimmicks

Like the aluminum in the planes she helped build the old Alcoa plant is being dismantled and scattered to the four winds. Part of the plant at 190th street near Western avenue, which turned out pig-aluminum during the war is scheduled to go to South America, another part, a huge rectifier is bound for France. Still others are headed for closer points within the country's borders. The parts that were so vital during the last war won't all be turning out aluminum, however. A range of products

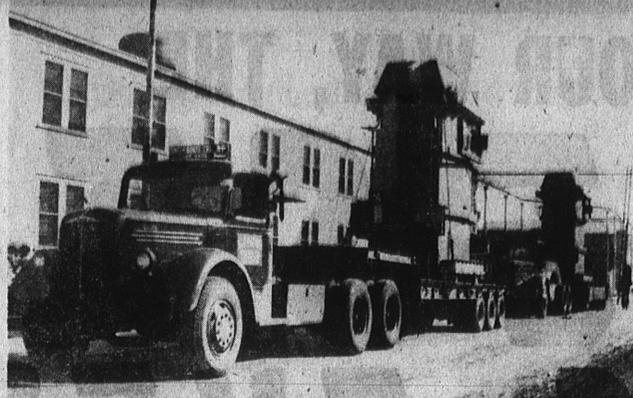
from whiskey to chlorine is scheduled to be produced with the aid of the salvaged equipment.

Originally sold by the War Assets Administration, the plant is now being knocked down by two firms—the Utah Construction Company and the J. H. Anthony Company of Los Angeles.

E. M. Langdale of the Anthony Company is in charge of dismantling, crating, and moving rectifiers which anybody can buy for a cool million dollars—by anybody that is, who has a cool million dollars. "The market is definitely limited," Langdale remarked.

The huge electrical equipment weighing more than 7½ million pounds received 188,000 volts which was piped into the plant direct from Boulder Dam. One electrician figured the plant used enough electricity in one day to heat every toaster in the U. S. for one morning's serving of toast.

As a result of the recent transactions, local residents soon will begin to notice a definite



KING SIZE TRANSFORMERS . . . Just like the ones on junior's electric train, only bigger, are these 12,200 pound electric gigsters used in the manufacture of pig-aluminum at the former Alcoa plant, which is now being dismantled and shipped to the four corners of the world. These are bound for France.—Herald Photo.

Population of City Officially Set at 17,450

Torrance may not be a husband-hunter's haven but it is a little better than most places, what with 108 more men around than women.

The official census completed recently indicated that of the 17,450 people living in Torrance, 8779 are males and 8671 are members of the fairer sex.

Of the total, 16,935 are white and 551 non-white.

This is an increase of exactly 350 over the preliminary or unofficial figure of 17,100 given out by Edward C. Dornacher, supervisor of the special census crew, last Jan. 12, when the field

work was completed. Double-checking his staff's figures, Dornacher found 850 more names, and so notified City Manager George Stevens.

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2249 Enrolled at El Camino

According to H. J. Sheffield, Director of Student Personnel, El Camino College enrollment for the Spring Semester has reached 2249, which represents an increase of 200 students over the Fall Semester of 1948. Enrollment figures for the four semesters in which students have been enrolling in El Camino College are as follows: Fall, 1947—1107; Spring, 1948—1429; Fall, 1948—2057; Spring, 1949—2249.

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